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I'r Cadeirydd ac Aelodau Cyngor Dosbarth Gweldig Hiraethog,
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Y mae'n fraint i gael danfon yr arolwg terfynol ar iechyd Ardal Wledig Hiraethog atoch am y flwyddyn 1973.

Fe baratowyd yr ystadegau o ddogfennau a gadwyd gan yr Adran Iechyd, ac er nad ydynt yn hollol gywir, y maent yn ddigon agos i'n sicrhau fod safon cyffredinol iechedd wedi ei gynnal yn foddhaol yn ystod y flwyddyn ddiwethaf. Yn y gorffennol, bu'n arferol i aros am ystadegau'r Cofrestrydd Cyffredinol a oedd yn cynnwys manylion am enedigaethau a marwolaethau ymhlith babanod a mamau, ond fe fyddai aros am hyn wedi golygu gweithredu ar ôl ad-drefniad yr Awdurdod. Roeddem ni, eich swyddogion, yn teimlo y dylid gwneud pob ymdrech i gyflwyno'r bennod olaf ar iechedd yr ardal, cyn i'r llyfr recordiau gau am byth. Y mae'n wych o beth fod yr ystadegau am y flwyddyn olaf yn foddhaol, ac nad oes ynddynt unrhyw arwydd o estyngiad sydyn yn safonau iechedd, ond yn hytrach, pob arwydd o gynnydd amlwg.

Tua diwedd 1973, yr oedd Mr. Seth Roberts eisoes yn rhwym wrth ei apwyntiad newydd fel Prif Swyddog Iechyd Cyhoeddus Colwyn. Yn nodweddiadol ohono, y mae wedi ymroi i'r her newydd gydag eiddgarwch a brwdfrydedd, ac yn ddiamau, fe fydd yn gwasanaethu'r awdurdod newydd gyda'r un diwydrwydd a ddangosodd yn Hiraethog dros y blynyddoedd.

Fe fu'n frant i Dr. Lynn Williams a minnau i wasanaethu Hiraethog, ac fe hoffem ein dau fynegi ein gwerthfawrogiad o'r cynhesrwydd a'r cwrteisi a gawsom bob amser oddiwrth yr aelodau a'r staff i gyd. Rydym yn gobeithio y bydd ein cyfraniad yn ystod y blynyddoedd a aeth heibio yn gymorth ac yn sylfaen i wasanaethau iechedd yr ardal yn y dyfodol.

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Swyddogion Meddygol Iechyd

Ionawr, 1974.



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To the Chairman and Members of the Hiraethog Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

It is a privilege to submit the final report on the health of the Rural District of Hiraethog for the year 1973.

The statistics have been prepared from records maintained by the Health Department and although they are not strictly accurate, they are sufficiently so, to be able to affirm that the general standard of health has been satisfactorily maintained during the past year.

Previously, it was customary to await the Registrar General's returns which had taken into account the transfer in and out of deaths, births, infant and maternal mortality, but this would have meant waiting until after the dissolution of the Authority. We, your officers, felt that it was desirable to make every effort to include the last chapter on health, before finally closing the record book. It is gratifying that the statistics for this final year are satisfactory and that there has been no sudden or serious deterioration in health standards but rather that steady progress has been maintained.

Towards the end of 1973, Mr. Seth Roberts was already heavily engaged with his new appointment as Chief Public Health Officer, Colwyn. Characteristically, he has tackled the new challenge with zeal and enthusiasm and undoubtedly, he will serve his new Authority with the same devotion and enthusiasm as he has done Hiraethog over the years.

Dr. Lynn Williams and I feel privileged to have been allowed to serve Hiraethog and we both wish to express our appreciation for the warm and courteous and friendly reception which we invariably received from all members and staff. We hope that our contribution during the past few years will have helped, in some small way, to safeguard the future health services of the area.

M.T. ISLWYN JONES

A.L.J. WILLIAMS

Medical Officers of Health

January, 1974.

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT

Area of the District.....	93,097
Registrar General's estimated population (1972)	4,090
Number of occupied houses	1,628
Rateable Value (at April, 1973).....	£126,788.00
Estimated product of lp rate (at April, 1973)	£2,710.00

The following table shows the number of deaths which occurred during the year.

Cause of Death	Sex	All Ages	15/24	35/44	45/54	55/64	65/74	75+
Malignant Neoplasm Oesophagus	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm Lung	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm Pancreas	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm Intestine	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	6	-	-	1	2	3	-
	F	6	-	-	-	1	-	5
Other forms of Heart Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	4	-	-	-	-	2	2
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	1	2
Asthma	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disease of Renal Tract	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Suicide & Self-inflicted Injuries	M	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ill defined Conditions	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Total	M	16	1	-	2	3	7	3
	F	22	-	1	-	3	5	13

The total deaths registered during the year was 38. It is gratifying to record the very small number of deaths in the younger age groups. No deaths occurred in persons under 15 years. Only one death in 15/34 year age groups and only 3 in the 35/54 year age groups. Deaths in persons 65 years and over accounted for over 70% of the total deaths.

The most important single cause of death was Ischaemic Heart Disease which accounted for 12 deaths. Cerebrovascular Disease was the second most important cause of death and accounted for 7 deaths closely followed by malignant disease which accounted for 6 deaths.

INFANT DEATHS

For the fourth year in succession there were no infant deaths giving an infant mortality rate of nil.

BIRTHS

Comparability Factor 1.32 (1972)

Number of births relating to residents 42

There are no Maternity Hospitals in the Rural District and mothers are admitted to Maternity Homes and Hospitals outside the area, for their confinement.

Crude Birth Rate	10.3
Corrected Birth Rate	13.8

There were 42 births during the year which is which is 4 more than the total deaths for the year and 24 fewer births than in 1972.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number on the tuberculosis register at the beginning and end of the year.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Number on register on 1st January, 1973	7	-	3	1	11
Number on register on 31st December, 1973	6	-	2	-	8

3 cases of tuberculosis were removed from the register as being cured, 1 male pulmonary, and 1 male non-pulmonary and 1 female non-pumonary.

The removal of 3 cases from the register shows the diminishing problem of this disease, but vigilance must be maintained until complete eradication has been achieved.

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during 1973 arranged in the various age groups. The number of cases notified in 1972 is given in the first column for comparison.

Notifiable Diseases	Total 1972	Total 1973	Under 1 yr	1/5	6/15	26/45	65 and over
Measles	3	58	1	37	20	-	-
Food Poisoning	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	2	-	-	1	1	-
Total	5	60	1	37	21	1	-

The total number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year was 60 compared with 5 in 1972.

An outbreak of measles occurred in the first quarter of the year, 58 cases were notified. 2 cases of Dysentery were notified in November, in a 30 year female and an 8 year old male of the same family, no other cases were reported.

ANTHRAX

No human nor animal cases were notified during the year.

BRUCELLOSIS

No human cases of brucellosis were reported during the year. The County Public Health Inspector takes regular samples of milk from all producer/retailers of milk and during 1973 no cases of infection were found in any herds. Until this disease is completely eradicated from cattle all whose work brings them into contact with cows or drink milk from infected animals are at risk of contracting this disease. Many human cases probably occur without being diagnosed because of the insidious chronic and indefinite nature of the disease in man. Pasteurisation of milk is an effective method of killing the brucella organism and other organisms such as Salmonellae which cause diseases in man and cattle.

PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following shows the number protected by prophylactic measures:-

		<u>Primary</u>	<u>Booster</u>
Diphtheria	} Triple	35	-
Whooping Cough			
Tetanus			
Poliomyelitis		40	33
Measles		7	-
Rubella		34	-
Diphtheria & Tetanus		-	36
Tetanus		-	22

CARE OF THE AGED

Several elderly persons were visited during the year but no formal action was necessary under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPRAISAL OF AREA

Unfortunately, the pressures of reorganisation do not permit the ideal of a comprehensive report of the present conditions in the area, and a comparison with 10/15 years - thus indicating the tremendous progress which has been made over the period. As the Hiraethog Council goes into 'liquidation' it can certainly hold its head high and be proud of the progress made - a record comparable to any in the Principality. Whilst certain fields require attention, it is mainly in the field of consolidation of work done and already in the pipeline. Indeed it is to be hoped that the new respective Authorities concerned will pursue a policy on these lines.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The area has practically all been sewered in the villages and hamlets - the two outstanding it is hoped will be well advanced by the time of reorganisation viz. - Tan Lan and Muriau. Both are small schemes, basically on septic tank and filter, each serving eight houses respectively.

There are eighteen sewage disposal schemes and fifteen septic tanks in the area. It is estimated that 81 per cent of all properties in the area are connected to Local Authority sewers or on their own septic tank.

Septic tank cleaning is undertaken by the Council at a minimum charge of £2.

Water Supply

The area is comprehensively served by mains water of the West Denbighshire and West Flintshire Water Board and a minor area by the West Wirral Water Board.

A total of 264 properties, mainly farms are served by their own water supply schemes. Future Authorities should have regard to regular monitoring of these supplies. The majority of these are acid in character with low pH value.

LLYN CONWY Analysis

Appearance	Clear and Colourless
Odour	Nil
Reaction, pH	5.0
	<u>parts per million</u>
Total solids	18
Nitrogen as free and saline ammonia	0.005
Nitrogen as albuminoid ammonia	0.005
Nitrogen as nitrites	Nil
Nitrogen as nitrates	0.0
Chlorides, as Cl	11
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in 4 hrs at 27 deg C	2.2
Total hardness	8
Temporary hardness	4
Permanent hardness	4
Alkalinity	4

Free Chlorine	Nil
Potassium, as K	-
Anionic synthetic detergents	-
Manganese, as Mn	0.1
Cyanides and thiocanates	Nil
Poisonous metals	Nil
Fluorine	less than 0.1

COWLYD LAKE
Analysis

Appearance	clear
Odour	Nil
Ractieon, pH	5.8

parts per million

Total Solids	56
Nitrogen as free and saline ammonia	0.00
Nitrogen as albuminoid ammonia	0.02
Nitrogen as nitrites	Nil
Nitrogen as nitrates	less than 0.5
Chlorides, as Cl	11
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in 4 hrs at 27 deg C	1.0
Total hardness	25
Temporary hardness	8
Permanent hardness	17
Alkalinity	8
Free Chlorine	-
Potassium, as K	0.4
Anionic synthetic detergents	-
Manganese, as Mn	-
Cyanides and Thiocyanates	-
Poisonous metals	Nil
Total residual chlorine	Nil
Free available chlorine	Nil

LLYN ALWEN
Analysis

Results expressed in parts per million unless otherwise stated.

pH	9.5
Colour	14
Conductivity as Micromhos/cm ³ at 20 deg C	110
Turbidity as Silica	2
Free Carbon Dioxide	Nil
Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	18
Permanent Hardness as CaCO ₃	16
Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	34
Calcium Hardness as CaCO ₃	25
Magnesium Hardness as CaCO ₃	9
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate in 4 hrs at 27 deg C	1.3

Free and Saline Ammonia	0.22
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.07
Nitrite Nitrogen	0.01
Phosphate as P2O5	0.10
Nitrate Nitrogen	0.06
Silicate as SiO2	2.4
Chloride as Cl	16
Iron as Fe	0.04
Manganese as Mn	Nil
Aluminium as Al	Nil

General Statistics

No. of Visits and Inspections	67
No. of samples taken from public supplies	46
No. of samples taken from private supplies ...	23
Satisfactory samples taken from public supplies	40
Unsatisfactory samples taken from public supplies	2
Satisfactory samples taken from private supplies	17
Unsatisfactory samples taken from private supplies	10

Housing

The majority of the 'unfit houses incapable of repair at a reasonable expense' have been reduced to 40; this compares with a figure of 242 in 1955. The majority of the present unfit are the uneconomic farmsteads or those occupied by the elderly who defy change to a Local Authority house in the village.

Unfit Houses

Statistics submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for the year were as follows:

Unfit houses closed under Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957	24
Unfit houses made fit:	
After informal action by the Council	48
After formal action under the Public Health Acts	39
After formal action under the Housing Acts	21

Emphasis is becoming increasingly apparent every year in the need for periodic inspection of houses and the serving of Notices for repairs - both formal and informal - under the Housing Act. In this respect it is essential to grasp that it is not only necessary to build new houses, but also to preserve the stock of old houses within the area by bringing them to the required desirable standard with the aid of Standard or Improvement Grants.

Private Building

This proceeded satisfactorily during the year and an estate of 42 houses was well advanced in Eglwysbach. Llanddoget also showed potential growth with a total of 16 expected in the near future.

The present growth rate of the villages in the area may have to be curtailed due to inadequate sewage disposal facilities.

Improvement Grants

Every attempt is made to persuade houseowners to take advantage of Standard and Improvement Grants, as the Council feel, that having regard to the scattered nature of the area, it is the ideal way of solving the problem of the older house. The accompanying table illustrates the number of properties improved during the year, and the amount paid in grants.

		Standard Grants	
		Owner/Occ.	Tenanted
1.	No. of applications received	8	1
2.	No. of applications approved	8	1
3.	No. of dwellings improved	8	2
4.	Amount paid in grants	£2,893	
5.	Average grant per house	£301	

		Improvement Grants	
		Owner/Occ.	Tenanted
1.	No. of applications received	58	10
2.	No. of applications approved	55	10
3.	No. of dwellings improved	38	9
4.	Amounts paid in grants	£48,045	
5.	Average grant per house	£1,264	

Since the coming into operation of the improvement grant schemes the Council have paid:

Standard Grants	...	...	...	...	...	£33,881
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	£145,570

No houses have been improved during the year with the aid of grants under the Hill Farming Act.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The Council can be proud of their service to the area, which is comprehensive, hygienic and regular. The policy of the disposable sack has proved its value from both the point of view of the workmen and the householder.

The use of a pick-up van, as ancillary to the main vehicle is regarded as indispensable.

The refuse tip at Pentrefoelas, serving the whole area, has proved to be much better kept since a tractor and shovel has been purchased.

No. of vehicles (1 lorry, plus pick-up and tractor).

No. of sacks collected including Caravan Sites and
Lay-by (estimated)..... 52,000

No. of miles travelled in year 31,776

No. of men employed 3

Total cost of service £9,105

Night Soil Collection

This is still carried out in the hamlet of Tanlan from nine houses. Statistics relating to this are as follows:-

No. of premises from which night soil is collected..... 9

Cost of collection..... £210

Cost per premises collected..... £23

Litter Baskets

An annual contract is made with the Denbighshire County Council for emptying of litter baskets provided by them at lay-bys for the sum of £12 each. This system worked well during the year, but difficulty was experienced with the open wire mesh type of litter basket, which are often scavenged by birds and animals. It is suggested that all these should be changed for disposable sacks.

Rodent Control

The co-operation of the Nant Conwy R.D.C. in sharing a full-time operator continued satisfactorily and the operator being employed in each district on alternate weeks. The Council enters into annual contracts with farmers and business premises for regular servicing and revenue £126 was obtained during the year.

The following table indicates the work of the Operator during the year.

There were several major rat infestations in numerous properties - to some extent greater than that for many years past. It is well for farmers and others to be made aware of the fact that rodents are well-known carriers of foot and mouth virus, Weil's disease, apart from losses which they cause to feeding stuffs, etc., by spoilage.

No further evidence was apparent for an increase in Warfarin resistance in rats during the year.

	Local Auth- ority	Dwelling Houses	Agricul- ture	All Other (including business premises)	Total
1. Number of properties in Council's District	30	1270	590	360	2250
2. Total inspections carried out, including re-inspections	291	374	700	132	1497
3. Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:-					
(a) Rats - Major	25	25	137	7	194
(b) Rats - Minor	20	25	60	10	115
(c) Mice - Major	-	-	1	-	1
(d) Mice - Minor	40	130	100	21	291
4. Number infested properties treated by the Council	99	160	250	21	530
5. Total Treatments carried out, including re-treatments	290	436	681	70	1477
6. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
7. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a Notice under Section 4 of the Act	-	-	-	-	-
8. Legal proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
9. Number of 'Block' control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

Caravans

Each year more caravans enter the district in the summer months; parking on highways and lay-bys increases, and as a result brings the ever present and attendant problem of fouling. The need for a proper touring caravan site with the essential sanitary facilities and water supply is urgent, especially in the area of Cerrig-y-Drudion. During the year 7 more Site Licences were issued in the district, making a total of 49 Licences issued. Upon inspection all the sites were found to be properly maintained and kept in accordance with the conditions laid down.

During the year 11 unauthorised sitings were notified to the Planning Authority.

In regard to Touring Caravan Sites in the area, it is apparent that properly operated private sites are likely to be a poor financial proposition. It is suggested that it would be far better for the economy of the area if more farm sites of 3/5 caravans each be permitted - this could then be collated to a central registry at a local point - e.g. The Post Office. In a more ambitious context locations or directions in regard to these 'registers' could be made by universal symbol signs displayed at the outskirts of villages - this could be aided by further information contained in caravan or tenting books.

Food and Drugs Act 1955

The most important aspect of food hygiene control is continual inspection by the Health Department - this is vital. For some unknown reason food handling premises can deteriorate rapidly - literally overnight - when this is lacking.

The public have also a large part to play in this work; they should complain or refuse anything where food handling or hygiene is dubious and report the matter to the Health Department.

Food handlers and certainly employers of such people should be aware of their legal responsibilities. Probably in this latter respect the Department could make a better contribution by offering talks and lectures to trade groups, or voluntary organisations - this, coupled with possible control with youngsters in school.

	No. of	No. of visits	No. of Contra-ventions	No. of Notices Served	
				Formal	In Formal
Shops (Grocery and Mixed	24	60	2	-	2
Bakehouses	2	6	1	-	1
Public Houses and Hotels	14	22	8	-	6
Cafes	10	21	13	-	13
School Canteens	10	8	-	-	-
Vans and Stalls	-	52	20	-	21
Slaughterhouses	1	171	2	-	2
Butcher's Shops	4	28	2	-	2

Shops

Nearly all the shops within the district are small combined houses and shops - being mainly family concerns. Three of the Butchers' shops are registered for the manufacture of sausages.

Bakehouses

The three bakehouses in the district have been well maintained during the year and their products are of excellent standards, and one cannot but compare them in palatability with the mass produced loaf of the multiple bakeries.

Ice Cream

Ice cream is not manufactured in the district, but 22 registrations are held for the sale of pre-packed ice cream. 19 samples were taken during the year and all were found to be satisfactory.

Unsound Food

The under-mentioned food was seized during the year (all being voluntarily surrendered):

4 x 9 lb.8 oz. tins Boiled Ham (Danish)

12 x 11 lb.13 oz. Bartlett Pears (South African)

Licensed Premises

There are 14 licensed premises within the area, and generally they were well maintained during the period.

Canteens

There are 10 Local Authority School Canteens within the area and the standard of hygiene and cleanliness of these is high. There is a Field Studies Centre within the area with its own canteen facilities, which is also of a very high hygienic standard.

One residential establishment agreed to their food handling staff (10 in number) being medically screened. One member was found to be a symptomless excreter of Salmonella and was excluded informally from food handling duties until found to be clear. We are grateful for the excellent co-operation received from the staff of this establishment and this illustrates the importance of the screening of all food handlers, and it is felt that legislation to ensure that all food handling personnel are screened, is overdue.

Slaughtering

Slaughtering continued in the one licensed premises in the district Coed-y-Celyn, Betws-y-Coed. One hundred per cent inspection was maintained during the year, although the irregular hours of slaughtering necessitates regular working on Sundays and Statutory Holidays, together with one or two evenings a week. Having regard to the small throughput, however, and the considerable inconvenience which would thereby be caused to the butchers concerned, no attempt has been made to restrict the hours of slaughtering, as provided for under the Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations, 1966.

A joint service is in existence with the Llanrwst Urban District Council to ensure that the meat inspectors of the respective Authorities reciprocate during holidays and periods of indisposition. A free reciprocal service up to a maximum of 30 hours in any one year is given, and thereafter a charge of 75p per hour.

The meat produced from this slaughterhouse is undoubtedly of excellent quality, with very little disease other than minor parasitic infection.

Charges are made for inspection as laid down in the Regulations, viz. Beef 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ p, Calf or Pig 4p, Sheep or Lamb 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

The following table indicates the position for the year.

Carcases and Offal inspected and Condemned in whole or in part	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Sheep or Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	211	6	2991	4
Number inspected	211	6	2991	4
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:				
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	17	1	121	-
Percentage of the number affected with disease other than tubercul- osis and cysterci	7%	17%	4%	-
Tuberculosis only:				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis:				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-

DETAILS OF MEAT CONDEMNED

BEEF		No.	Weight
(a)	Complete carcasses	-	-
(b)	Part carcasses and organs	11	120 lbs,
PORK			
(a)	Complete carcasses	-	-
(b)	Part carcasses	-	-
VEAL			
(a)	Complete carcasses	-	-
(b)	Part carcasses and organs	-	-
MUTTON AND LAMB			
(a)	Complete carcasses	-	-
(b)	Part carcasses and organs	73	19 lbs.
	Parasitic infection (fluke, etc)	17 lb	
	Abscessed	3 lb	
	Bruised and/or injured	4 lb	
	Emaciated	-	

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1973

All such premises in the district were inspected during the year. Whilst the district is primarily agricultural in character, with small villages and hamlets, the Act does in fact affect 64 premises. Certain minor contraventions were noted, 29 in number for which Notices were served. No certificates have been granted during the year under Sections 5,6,9 and 10 in respect of air space, temperature, sanitary accommodation and washing facilities. Full details of the registrations and inspections for the year are shown in the accompanying table.

TABLE A
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

	No. of Premises Registered during the year	No. of Registered Premises at the end of Year	No. of Registered Premises receiving General Inspection during the year.
Offices	8	8	8
Retail Shops	11	11	11
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	-	-
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	11	11	11
Fuel Storage Depots	2	2	2

TABLE B
ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY
WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Office	31
Retail Shops	20
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to public	26
Fuel storage depots	11
Total	88
Total Males	30
Total Females	58
Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspector to Registered Premises under the Act	37

TABLE C
ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Section		No. of Contraventions							
4	Cleanliness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
5	Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
6	Temperature	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
7	Ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
8	Lighting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
9	Sanitary Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
10	Washing facilities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
11	Supply of drinking water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
12	Accommodation of clothing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
13	Sitting facilities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-

Factories Acts 1937/1959

There are no large factories in the district, but there are 26 which are so classified. Each was inspected and found to be satisfactory.

The total number of factories in the Rural District is as shown below:

5 Sawmills
7 Garages
3 Bakehouses
1 Waterworks
1 Slaughterhouse
1 Builder's Yard
1 Tailor
7 Miscellaneous

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	No. of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	23	11	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	1	2	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	2	1	-	-
Total	26	14	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found - NIL

PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

LABORATORY SERVICE

The Public Health Laboratory at Conwy carries out bacteriological examinations of water, food etc., to detect any contamination. Milk is also examined bacteriologically and biologically for the presence of tubercule bacilli and brucella abortus.

Examination of throat swabs, blood faeces, etc., are carried out to detect the presence of bacteria and viruses at Conwy Public Health Laboratory and specimens have also been accepted at Rhyl Hospital Laboratory.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The following is given for the information of the Council and the numbers refer to cases conveyed by the various ambulances and the mileage covered during the year.

	<u>Ruthin/ Denbigh</u>	<u>Llanrwst</u>	<u>Pentrefoelas</u>	<u>Totals</u>
No of patients conveyed:				
By ambulance	13,388	3,178	89	16,655
By Car	979	1,631	1,354	3,964
Total Mileage:				
By Ambulance	137,906	35,231	5,246	178,483
By Car	18,893	36,239	26,574	81,706
No. of ambulances per station:	7	1	1	9
Type of Staff:	8 full time	2 full time 3 Vol.	6 Vol.	10 full time 9 Vol.
No. of Cars:	6	6	3	15

<u>Area Summary</u>	<u>No. of Journeys</u>	<u>No. of Patients</u>	<u>Total Mileage</u>
Ambulances	4,340	16,655	178,483
Cars	1,736	3,964	81,706
Total	6,076	20,619	260,189

CHIROPODY SERVICE

Patients from the area attend the Chiropody Clinics held at the Clinic Watling Street, Llanrwst by appointment. Patients are referred by General Medical Practitioners, Health Visitors and District Nurses. A charge of 13p per treatment is made, this charge is waived in certain cases.

A new chiropodist commenced duties in September, 1973.

Number of sessions held:	73
Number of appointments for treatment:	477
Total attendances	411

Free treatment was given during the year to aged persons living at Welfare Homes, for the Aged. The number of treatments given was as follows:

	<u>Bryn Derwen</u>	<u>Dolanog</u>
Number of sessions held:	2	8
Number of appointments for treatment:	12	51
Total attendances:	12	51

CERVICAL CYTOLOGY CLINIC

Clinics are held as follows:

1 Grosvenor Road, Wrexham	Thursday 5.30 - 8.00 p.m. By appointment
Nant-y-Glyn Clinic, Colwyn Bay	Monday 5.00 - 7.00 p.m. By appointment
The Clinic, Market Street, Abergele	Tuesday 5.00 - 7.00 p.m. By appointment only
The Clinic, Middle Lane, Denbigh	2nd Tuesday in Month 1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
The Clinic, Watling Street, Llanrwst	As and when required.
The Clinic, Mount Street, Ruthin	As and when required.

5 sessions were held at Llanrwst Clinic and 43 patients were examined. This service is also given by the General Medical Practitioner.

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC

Nant-y-Glyn Clinic, Colwyn Bay	Monday 2.30 - 3.30 p.m. Thursday 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.
The Clinic, Fforddlas, Rhyl	Wednesday 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.
The Clinic, Prestatyn	Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 a.m.
The Clinic, Mount Street, Ruthin	4th Thursday 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. in month
The Clinic, Middle Lane, Denbigh	1st Tuesday in month 2.00 - 3.00 p.m.
The Clinic, King Street, Mold	Tuesday 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Thursday 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon
Grosvenor Road, Wrexham	Wednesday 6.45 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. Thursday 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
Prince Charles Road, Wrexham	Tuesday 12.00 - 1.30 p.m.

In addition to the service provided by the County Council through the agency of the Family Planning Association, a domiciliary service was started in December, 1972. This service is for patients who wish to avail themselves of the services, but who are unable to attend a clinic or their family doctor for social or medical reasons.

The Ruthin F.P.A. Clinic now holds only one session per month on the 4th Thursday evening from 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

A F.P.A. Clinic is now held at the Clinic, Middle Lane Denbigh on the 1st Tuesday in the month from 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

The Family Planning Service is also given by the General Medical Practitioner.

CHEST CLINIC

Patients from the Urban District and surrounding areas usually attend the chest clinics held weekly at Llandudno and Rhyl Hospitals.

SCHOOL OPHTHALMIC CLINIC

These clinics are held at the Clinic, Watling Street, Llanrwst, by appointment.

SPEECH THERAPY CLINIC

A Welsh speaking Speech Therapist visits the schools in the Rural Districts and gives advice at the school. She also holds treatment clinics at the Clinic, Watling Street, Llanrwst, by appointment. Cases are brought to her notice by School Teachers, Health Visitors and General Medical Practitioners.

CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

Clinics are held as follows:

Bod Difyr, Cefn Road, Colwyn Bay	Wednesday and Friday By appointment
Kelso House, Grosvenor Road, Wrexham	Thursday and Friday By appointment
Mercier House Clinic, Russell Road, Rhyl	Monday By appointment

SCHOOL HEALTH ATTENDANT

The School Health Attendant visited the schools for the purpose of routine testing of Children's vision and hearing. Children found to have defective hearing/and or vision were followed up and referred to a consultant for further examination where necessary. Boys aged 10 years have a colour vision test in addition to vision test.

The number of children tested during the year was as follows:-

Vision Sweeps	341
Audiometric Sweeps	291
Colour Vision	Nil

CHILD HEALTH CENTRE

Mothers take their babies to one of the undermentioned clinics which serve the area and the attendances at the clinics during the year were as follows:

	<u>Llanrwst</u>	<u>Conwy</u>	<u>Cerrig</u>
Children born in 1973	40	27	23
Children born in 1972	59	-	24
Children born in 1971/68	96	47	20

Total attendances:

Under 1 year	763	371	51
1 to 5 years	465	218	155

Llanrwst Clinic is held on Tuesday afternoons at 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. and at Glan Conwy on the second and fourth Monday afternoon in each month. Welfare foods are available at the clinics every session and at Llanrwst also from 10 a.m. every Tuesday and on Fair Day afternoons, for the convenience of the mothers from rural districts.

NURSING SERVICES

HEALTH VISITORS:

Miss R.H. Jones,	Child Health Centre, Watling Street, Llanrwst.	Tel. No. Llanrwst 640345
Mrs. M.R. Roberts,	Avondale, Chapel Street, Corwen.	Tel. No. Cerrig. 082248
Mrs. M. Jones,	Pentre Rhydeden, Llangernyw	Tel. No. Llangernyw 9176614

TUBERCULOSIS HEALTH VISITOR:

Mrs. A.L. Lesh	Civic Centre, Colwyn Bay	Colwyn Bay Tel. No. 55271
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DISTRICT NURSES AND MIDWIVES:

Miss A.M.Ellwood,	Ffrith Mair, Talycafn.	Tel. No. Tyngroes 310
Mrs. H. Morris,	27 Llwyn Brith, Llanrwst.	Tel. No. Llanrwst 640770
Mrs. R. Jones,	2 Cae Lwyd, Cerrig.	Tel. No. Cerrig 082248
Mrs. M. Modinos,	Glas Coed, Llangernyw	Tel. No. Llangernyw 917207

RELIEF DISTRICT NURSE:

Mrs. O. Williams,	Awelfryn, Eglwysbach.	Tel. No. Tyngroes 310
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